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Imam Ahmed Is Reported Sole Yemen Ruler Again

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Travelers said yesterday the Arabian kingdom of Yemen is back again under the sole rule of the aged Imam Ahmed.

They reported Ahmed has made a spectacular comeback from the four bullet wounds he suffered as a target of assassins March 26.

Crown Prince Mohammed Al Badr, who was given charge of Yemen's government by the

monarch in June, has left for Europe on what his entourage termed an indefinite leave.

Travelers said popular response to the Crown Prince had been cool. At the same time he failed to get on with his uncle and chief rival for the throne, Seif Islam Hassan—who still is reported the most popular man in the country after the Imam.

Hassan is believed to be more Western in outlook than Al Badr, who has favored accepting aid from the East—including Red China—and the West impartially.